



Adopt a Roadway Program

Program Information

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About the Program

The Adopt-A-Road Program is an anti-litter campaign intended to build a volunteer spirit and foster community pride in Whitestown. It allows citizens, organizations and church or civic groups to work in partnership with the Town by "adopting" a segment of roadway and agreeing to keep it clean. This program offers individuals and groups an inexpensive way to contribute to their community and generate publicity for their efforts. Every participant in this program makes a positive impact on the appearance of the road system and their community.

What work does the permit require?

Sponsors volunteer to remove litter, maintain landscaping or perform vandalism cleanup (if needed) along an *adopted* segment of roadway for a minimum of two years. The participants will service the road segment a minimum of four times a year.

How long are the street segments?

The assigned segments will be no more than two miles long, depending on the size of the volunteer group and the volume of anticipated litter.

Who can participate?

Almost anyone can participate in this program. The adopting party may be a club, a business, a group of concerned citizens or an individual. There are no costs or fees to the participants. **Participants must be at least 12 years of age** and in good health.

Can children participate?

Minors under the age of 18 must have a special liability waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. The parent or guardian must accompany the minor, or must assign responsibility to an adult representative of the Adopt-a-Roadway applicant.

When participants are 14 years of age or younger, the Group shall furnish minimum supervision of 1 adult to every 4 children (1:4 ratio). All volunteers are required to be 12 years old or older.

How long is my permit valid for?

The permit is good for a minimum of two years; however you or the Town may cancel anytime you are unable to meet the permit requirements. Permits may also be temporarily suspended due to road construction or other safety concerns. After two years, if the adopter would like to renew their commitment they need to resubmit an application. Only those who fully complete their commitment will be considered for renewal.

What does the Town of Whitestown provide?

The Town will provide and install up to two Adopt-a-Roadway signs (one for each direction of traffic) with the Adopter's name on each sign, within 90 days after the first cleanup has been completed.

The Town will provide the necessary safety equipment (e.g. litter bags, safety vests etc.), written instructional mandatory safety information and dispose of filled litter bags.

Program Requirements

The determination of which specific roadway will be adopted by an individual or group will be made by a representative of the Town, and a representative of the group wishing to adopt the roadway.

The sponsor should constantly be aware of the problems which may exist along roadways and instruct their personnel in appropriate safety precautions. Where possible, access to roadways should occur from off right-of-way, rather than from roadway surfaces or shoulders. Sponsors will adhere to all safety guidelines provided.

Sponsors agree to hold harmless the Town of Whitestown and employees from all liability, judgment, costs, expenses, and claims growing out of damages, or alleged damages of any nature whatsoever to any person or property arising from the performance or non-performance of roadside work.

Sponsors agree that in the performance or non-performance of roadside work that they are initiators and volunteers and are in no way to be considered employees of the Town of Whitestown.

Sponsorship will be for a designated stretch of roadway (no more than 2 miles), on **both sides of the road, and will be for a minimum of two years (four trash and litter collections each year for a total of eight)**. Litter collection must include both sides of the roadway.

Sponsor groups will be limited in size to twelve (12) individuals. A minimum ratio of 1 adult for every 4 children between the ages of 12-14 is required.

Sponsors will schedule cleanups at least one week in advance and submit an Adopt-a-Road Litter Removal Form by the end of the month of the service.

Sponsors will appoint or select an authorized representative to serve as the spokesperson/coordinator. If the spokesperson/coordinator changes the Group will assume responsibility to inform the new representative of the Adopt-a-Road Program requirements and update their contact information with the Town of Whitestown.

Sponsorship will not be granted to political parties, political candidates, elected officials, or entities, which would constitute partisan endorsement. Sponsor groups are not responsible for the collection of trash and litter from roadway medians, off of roadway surfaces, or granular shoulders.

Vehicles associated with the trash and litter pick-up should not be parked along the shoulders of the roadway unless no alternative parking is possible. In addition, all individuals associated with the roadway cleanup **must wear yellow safety vests, gloves and any other appropriate safety materials at all times during the activity**.

If, at any time following the adoption, the Town of Whitestown, in its sole discretion, feels that the sponsor is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement, the Town may terminate the agreement and remove sponsorship signs.